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CORRUPTION

Corporate corruption is everywhere. Can data catch the criminals?

*Michael J. Coren – Quartz: 14 March 2018*

New ethics and compliance software could be the answer to keeping corporations from falling into corruption traps. The machine-learning software analyzes a company's data, from emails to transactions, to look for suspicious behavior.


Nigerian govt launches anti-corruption app

*Fikayo Olowolagba – Daily Post: 15 March 2018*

Nigeria has launched a mobile app that informs citizens about the latest trends in anti-corruption and gives people a chance to report cases of corruption.

http://dailypost.ng/2018/03/15/nigerian-govt-launches-anti-corruption-app/

For more on this theme:

**Bad For Business? China’s Corruption Isn’t Getting Any Better Despite Government Crackdowns**


**The Group of States against Corruption publishes two reports on Turkey**


**Greece can do more to weed out corruption, watchdog agency says**


**The End of the Power Vertical? Corruption and Stagnation in Putin’s Fourth Term**

https://www.fpri.org/2018/03/end-power-vertical-corruption-stagnation-putins-fourth-term/

**Bribery, corruption risks may rise this year: Report**


**Government to digitize land records to reduce corruption**

http://www.kbc.co.ke/government-digitize-land-records-reduce-corruption/

**Saudi royals tackling corruption, or just cashing in on foes?**


**Ukraine must win the war on corruption to defeat Russia**

http://thehill.com/opinion/international/378192-ukraine-must-win-the-war-on-corruption-to-defeat-russia
DRUG TRAFFICKING

America Is Giving Away the $30 Billion Medical Marijuana Industry
Josh Dean – Bloomberg: 7 March 2018

As the percentage of Americans who favor marijuana legalization increases, the federal government is still withholding licenses to grow marijuana to study its effects. Only one location in the U.S. has federal permission to grow and distribute marijuana for research purposes.

Indonesia’s Growing Narcotics Problem
Muhammad Zulfikar Rakhmat – Asia Sentinel: 15 March 2018

The growing drug problem across Asia is particularly troubling in Indonesia, where crystal meth is the largest threat. Its use has expanded exponentially over the past few years and continues to vex the nation’s law enforcement.
https://www.asiasentinel.com/society/indonesia-growing-narcotics-problem/

For more on this theme:

‘The Invisibles’: Colombia’s new generation of drug traffickers
https://www.insightcrime.org/investigations/invisibles-colombias-new-generation-drug-traffickers/

Exclusive: Trump finalizing opioid plan that includes death penalty for dealers

Singapore is winning the war on drugs. Here’s how.

UN drugs body approves controls on deadly opioid
https://www.independent.co.ug/un-drugs-body-approves-controls-on-deadly-opioid/

Blackberry modified to ‘help drug cartels’

Narco boats: the legal weapon of the Spanish drug trade

How America’s prisons are fueling the opioid epidemic

Why it’s not ‘enabling’ to make drug use safer

Philippines drops charges against high-profile suspects in drugs trade
TRAFFICKING IN SCARCE OR PROTECTED RESOURCES

21 Tech Companies Band Together Against Wildlife Trafficking
Merrit Kennedy – NPR: 7 March 2018

Google and Facebook joined more than a dozen major tech firms in the fight against illegal wildlife trafficking, part of a larger online effort aimed at stopping poachers from selling banned products such as ivory, rhino horns and tiger cubs.


Hi-tech conservationists fight Indonesia wildlife crime
Harry Pearl – Phys.org: 11 March 2018

Conservationists in Indonesia are using hi-tech tools, ranging from cutting-edge DNA bar-coding to smartphone apps, to combat illicit trade and animal trafficking.


For more on this theme:
Charcoal trade, logging wiping out Mau Forest

Africa urged to use dogs to combat wildlife trafficking

African wildlife officials trained by UK crime scene investigators to tackle poaching

Social media is flooded with illegal wildlife trade but A.I. can help

Dawn: Illegal trade in wildlife rife across Pakistan, says study
http://www.arabnews.com/node/1264746/press-review

China Inches Forward in Stopping Ivory Trade, Illegal Logging

How Illegal Fishing Is Being Tracked From Space

China is trying to rein in its vessels illegally depleting fish stocks in West Africa

Dramatic Photos Show How Sand Mining Threatens a Way of Life in Southeast Asia
HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND IRREGULAR MIGRATION

EU proposes visa restrictions on countries refusing to take back illegal migrants
Deutsche Welle: 14 March 2018

The European Union warned countries in Africa and elsewhere that their citizens will find it harder to get visas to Europe if their governments refuse to readmit economic migrants under the bloc’s efforts to curb migration.


Producing results on human trafficking
CNN: 16 March 2018

CNN’s Freedom Project is aimed at ending human trafficking and slavery. Now, its focus is on encouraging corporations to step up and become leaders on the anti-trafficking front by ensuring their goods and services are not part of the global trafficking network.


For more on this theme:

‘Sold in America:’ Find out how drug addiction, child sex trafficking intersect

Startup’s Mission: Teaching Victims Of Human Trafficking New Job Skills

Beyond the headlines of human trafficking

Slavery & Human Trafficking Booming Thanks To Climate Change Induced Migrations

Modern day slavery and human trafficking in New Zealand

Volunteer Group Rescues Victims Of Child Sex Trafficking

Human smuggling across the southern border

In Somalia, IOM facilitates training on counter-trafficking, irregular migration and migrant rights
INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Outlook on International Cyber Norms: Three Avenues for Future Progress
Tim Maurer and Kathryn Taylor – Just Security: 2 March 2018

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres is advocating for a high-level discussion about the legal framework for cyber conflict. His remarks at the Munich Security Conference and days later at the University of Lisbon urged world leaders to agree on global rules for cyberspace.


For more on this theme:

(Global) How will new cybersecurity norms develop?

(Russia) Russia stares admiringly at itself, flexes internet muscles
https://www.theregister.co.uk/2018/03/12/russia_stares_admiringly_at_itself_flexes_internet_muscles/

(U.S.) On Internet Regulation, The FCC Goes Back To The Future

INTERNET FREEDOM

Google Is Back In Canadian Court to Fight Global Search Censorship
Jordan Pearson – Motherboard: 9 March 2018

Google was ordered by a Canadian court to block certain search results worldwide, not just in Canada. Google has since argued its case in California, where the court issued a verdict that the 2014 Canadian order “threatens free speech on the global internet.”


For more on this theme:

(China) The eye roll that highlights the depth of China’s censorship

(Tunisia) Is Censorship Coming Back to Tunisia? Court Order Bans ‘Blue Whale’ Online Game
https://advox.globalvoices.org/2018/03/14/is-censorship-coming-back-to-tunisia-court-order-bans-blue-whale-online-game/

(Turkey) Turkey Blocks Encrypted Email Service ProtonMail
PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Weighing Privacy vs. Security for the Internet’s Address Book
Klint Finley – Wired: 13 March 2018

The nonprofit Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers met to decide the fate of the public Whois database, which stores the contact information of website owners. The General Data Protection Regulation set to take effect in the European Union could make it illegal for Whois to allow the public to see the website owners’ personal information.


For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Cyberspace is the New Battlespace
https://www.lawfareblog.com/cyberspace-new-battlespace

(U.K.) Ransomware, cyber-extortion and GDPR: Three security headaches ahead for charities

(Global) Securing the Insecure: Security Challenges Posed by the Internet of Things

CYBER STATECRAFT DEVELOPMENT

Deutschland 4.0? Germany’s Digital Strategy Over the Next Four Years
Mirko Hohmann – Council on Foreign Relations: 5 March 2018

During Germany’s national election, in which digital and cyber issues were prominent, the country’s cyber strategy was still unclear. Now that the election is over, this article focuses on forecasting the path of broadband’s rollout, Europe’s digital economy and cyber security.

https://www.cfr.org/blog/deutschland-40-germanys-digital-strategy-over-next-four-years

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(China) How Beijing’s Cyber Security Engagement Incorporates the Three Warfares
https://worldview.stratfor.com/article/china-cyber-security-warfare-beijing

(Global) The Role of Information and Cyber Security and the Impact on Foreign Policy

(U.K., Russia) Twitter diplomacy: Russia, UK spar online over spy death
PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

EC to boost cyber security support and collaboration
Warwick Ashford – Computer Weekly: 6 March 2018
The European Commission is working toward helping member states focus on cyber security and working with the private sector to improve deterrence against cyber threats.

For more on this theme:
(U.S.) Big Telecom Convinced Wyoming’s Politicians to Rewrite a Community Broadband Bill
(U.S.) New Cyber Hub for Manufacturing
(U.S.) Electroindustry to Congress: Grid Cybersecurity a Shared Responsibility

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Egypt cracks down on cyber crime
Glesni Holland – Tahawul Tech: 16 March 2018
As part of Egypt’s ongoing enforcement activities to combat software piracy, the government announced it is setting up a specialized, digital forensic laboratory for intellectual property.

For more on this theme:
(India) Cyber Theft of Intellectual Property
(U.S., China) After Tariffs, Trump to Punish China for Intellectual Property Theft
(Africa, Global) Building a cyber-secure organization
CYBER CAPACITY BUILDING

Dan Lohrmann – Government Technology: 10 March 2018

Cyber ranges are a new trend emerging for those who want to practice and train in defending networks from cyber attacks and hackers.


For more on this theme:

(U.S.) Military Officials Testify on Cybersecurity on Capitol Hill
https://www.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1466442/military-officials-testify-on-cybersecurity-on-capitol-hill/

(U.S.) Is 5G the Magic Bullet for Rural Internet Access?
https://www.meritalk.com/articles/is-5g-the-magic-bullet-for-rural-internet-access/

(India) State govt. to set up centre to fight cyber crime

COMBATING TERRORISM AND CYBER CRIME

Churn in Cyber Security Jobs Makes It Harder to Fight Cyber Crime
Nicole Lindsey – CPO Magazine: 14 March 2018

As cyber security professionals seek out higher paychecks, the field is in turmoil, putting public and private sectors at greater risk.


For more on this theme:

(Global) ‘Agencies worldwide must collaborate to fight cybercrimes’

(Bangladesh) Bangladesh Digital Security Act Protects Free Speech and Minorities

(Europe, Global) Joint conference on judicial cooperation in cybercrime matters
INFORMATION SHARING

NH-ISAC and Anomali Join Forces to Accelerate Cyber Threat Detection and Sharing for Healthcare Industry

*Business Wire: 15 March 2018*

The threat management and intelligence vendor Anomali will provide the infrastructure and tools to support healthcare members in sharing threat data through the National Health Information Sharing and Analysis Center.


*For more on this theme:*

**(Global) Eight new cyber threats a second in Q4 2017, McAfee report reveals**


**(Philippines) PIA Director General Harold Clavite pushes for responsible sharing of information**


CYBER PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Is ASEAN Doing Enough to Address Cybersecurity Risks?

*Nur Azha Putra – The Diplomat: 6 March 2018*

As Southeast Asia becomes more digitally connected, cyber threats grow exponentially. In the energy sector alone, the region faces many critical challenges to keep its infrastructure safe from cyber attack.

[https://thediplomat.com/2018/03/is-asean-doing-enough-to-address-cybersecurity-risks/](https://thediplomat.com/2018/03/is-asean-doing-enough-to-address-cybersecurity-risks/)

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**(U.S.) Cybersecurity for Energy’s Critical Infrastructure**


**(U.S.) Poll: Majority Believes U.S. Electric Grid is Vulnerable to Enemy Attack**


**(U.S.) Russian Hackers Attacked U.S. Nuclear, Aviation and Power Grid Infrastructure, FBI and DHS Warn**

PROGRAM ON TERRORISM AND SECURITY STUDIES (PTSS)

ISIS

**Egyptian army believes ISIS using Israeli phone co SIM cards**
*Gad Perez – Globes: 13 March 2018*

The Egyptian Army is jamming cellular networks in southern Israel, causing disruptions to 300,000 residents, because it suspects Islamic State fighters are using Israeli SIM cards to communicate among themselves in the Sinai Peninsula. Using Israeli SIM cards — rather than Egyptian cards — enables the jihadists to evade Egyptian forces.


**10 Takeaways From the Fight Against the Islamic State**
*Michael P. Dempsey – War on the Rocks: 12 March 2018*

As ISIS declines, there are critical lessons to be learned in how to finish off the group and fight insurgencies in general.

https://warontherocks.com/2018/03/10-takeaways-from-the-fight-against-the-islamic-state/

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  https://www.upi.com/Islamic-State-threat-remains-in-Syria/1351520943434/

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- **ISIS Tries to Take Back Iraq As U.S. Allies Switch Sides in Syria**

- **ISIS Targets the Temple Mount**
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- **ISIS Is Still Using Children to Carry Out Executions in Afghanistan, Photos Reveal**

- **U.S. Braces for Return of Terrorist Safe Havens to Afghanistan**

- **Will ISIS live on in Iraq?**
  http://thehill.com/opinion/international/377621-will-isis-live-on-in-iraq

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  http://www.atimes.com/article/isis-alive-well-philippines/

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  https://clarionproject.org/is-isis-reemerging-in-bangladesh/

- **The Rise And Fall Of ISIS: Regional Dynamics And Global Ambitions – OpEd**
TERRORISM AROUND THE WORLD

The resurgence of Al-Qaeda
Bruce Hoffman – The Interpreter: 13 March 2018

Al-Qaida is larger and in more countries than ever before. How is that possible after numerous campaigns against them and the killing of their leader seven years ago?
https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/resurgence-al-qaeda

Al-Qaeda’s Syrian affiliate faces battlefield reversals and loss of territory
The Arab Weekly: 15 March 2018

For the first time since its meteoric rise in 2012 amid the chaos of war, al-Qaida’s branch in Syria is in retreat, battling rival terrorist groups from the Syria Liberation Front in the north and fighting for survival in a key foothold near the capital, Damascus.

For more on this theme:

Inside the Networks of Sex Slaves, the Drug Trade, Colombian Cartels and Al Qaeda in Africa

Are Al-Qaeda and ISIS About to Form a Terrorist Supergroup?

Militant threat emerges in Egyptian desert, opening new front in terrorism fight

New Ideological Tactics of al-Qaeda To Revive Its Power

The Bloody Hamas-Fatah Power Struggle That Threatens to Return Following Gaza Assassination Attempt
https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/palestinians/the-bloody-hamas-fatah-power-struggle-that-threatens-to-reignite-1.5054803

First Issue Of New Al-Qaeda Bulletin Dedicated To Hamas Terrorist Ahmad Jarrar

Qods Force chief: Israel’s destruction the blood debt of Hezbollah commander’s death

Parents In Nigeria Asking How Boko Haram Succeeded Again In Kidnapping Schoolgirls
RADICALIZATION AND MESSAGING

Countering Extremism: Jihadist Ideology Reigns Supreme
James M. Dorsey – Modern Diplomacy: 15 March 2018

Finding an effective way to eliminate the political violence associated with jihadism is proving to be elusive. The only way to make counternarratives and counterterrorism efforts successful is to marry them with policies that tackle the root causes.

https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2018/03/15/countering-extremism-jihadist-ideology-reigns-supreme/

Canadian Intelligence Identifies Key Trends in Terrorist Mobilization to Violence
Homeland Security Today: 13 March 2018

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service released a number of key findings on the reasons why a radical believer living in Canada turns into someone who commits violence.

https://www.hstoday.us/uncategorized/canadian-intelligence-identifies-key-trends-terrorist-mobilization-violence/

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Saudi Arabia Can Win Islam’s War of Ideas

Opinion: Closing the ‘rhetoric to reality’ gap — preventing violent extremism in post-siege recovery

US military cyber group tried to ‘manipulate the thinking’ of ISIS followers, says general

‘I want to join ISIS’: How big a problem is radicalisation in Ireland?

Al-Shabaab radicalised youth to undergo training

New Mombasa mosque to fight youth radicalization
http://www.kbc.co.ke/new-mombasa-mosque-fight-youth-radicalization/

Islamic radicalization in Pakistan poses threat to world, say experts

Experts: Women Are Unused Resource in Fighting Extremism
FOREIGN FIGHTERS

Europol chief: Returning Islamic State fighters ‘a top priority’
Belfast Telegraph: 15 March 2018

Up to 6,000 European Union nationals are believed to have traveled to join ISIS in Syria since 2014. Security experts estimate that a third of them were killed in the fighting while another third are thought to have already returned to Europe.


For more on this theme:

British prisons are preparing for an influx of Islamic State fighters, says justice secretary
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Foreign fighters from Daesh pose an unprecedented global threat

The trouble telling aid workers and foreign fighters apart

COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGIES

Where Is Malaysia’s New Counterterrorism Center in Its Islamic State Fight?
Prashanth Parameswaran – The Diplomat: 15 March 2018

One of Malaysia’s counterterrorism centers is for regional countermessaging and is run by the Royal Malaysian Police. Officials recently released more details on the center’s activities.


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Biometrics Sharing Needed to Defeat ISIS (Learn More, Multi-Video)

Is the Pakistani Judiciary Undermining Counterterrorism Efforts?
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The Challenges of Trying to Delete Terror Groups from the Internet
https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/counterterrorism/challenges-trying-delete-terror-groups-from-internet/

Counterterrorism: ASEAN Militaries’ Growing Role – Analysis
CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT

DEALING WITH DISASTERS

Army units pilot network communication suite for disaster relief
Amy Walker – U.S. Army: 12 March 2018

The U.S. Army is hoping to improve disaster communications and recovery by equipping the National Guard in all states and territories with a new tool suite known as the Disaster Incident Response Emergency Communications Terminal, or DIRECT. The system enables military, government and nongovernmental organizations to gain communications access during disasters.

https://www.army.mil/article/201957/army_units_pilot_network_communication_suite_for_disaster_relief

U.N. collates global disaster data to help reduce risk
Sophie Hares – Reuters: 1 March 2018

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction is collecting comprehensive data on disaster losses to figure out how countries can better deal with them.


For more on this theme:

There Are More and More Threats that Militaries Can't Stop. People's Forces Can Help

What happens if... disaster recovery for the smart city and beyond

Why we must engage women and children in disaster risk management

Can Atmospheric Science Improve Global Disaster Resilience?
https://eos.org(editors-vox/can-atmospheric-science-improve-global-disaster-resilience

Drought and flood risk profiles to be developed for 16 countries in Africa

Private sector can shoulder more responsibility for disaster readiness
http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/378641-private-sector-can-shoulder-more-responsibility-for-disaster

Asia-Pacific should look inward to foster disaster preparedness, expert says